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spells end for Bernier Foreign minister breach that occurred was my fault

replacement

heads cabinet's

temporary basis.

» Harper said Trade Min-

ister David Emerson, who

Afghanistan committee,

will replace Bernier on a

» Bernier is the first of Harper's ministers to step

down under a cloud since

the Conservatives took of-

fice in February 2006.

Foreign minister left classified papers at home of ex-lover

Foreign Affairs Minister Maxime Bernier has resigned his high-profile post after he left secret cabinet documents at the home of his girlfriend, a woman with past links to organized crime.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who for weeks denied that Bernier's

love life was a security risk, last night announced he had accepted Bernier's resignation.

Still, Harper told a
Parliament Hill news
conference that
Bernier's relationship
with Julie Couillard
— and her ties to
biker gangs — were
not a factor in his exit
from cabinet.

"This is not to do with the minister's private life or the life of a private citizen."

But Bernier's departure came just a few hours before Couillard was about to go to air on the French-language television station TVA to say that her former lover was careless with classified documents.

Bernier, who attracted the moniker "Mad Max" in government circles, himself said he "became aware" Sunday night that he had left classified government documents at a private residence.

"Prime Minister, the security

breach that occurred was my fault and my fault alone and I take full responsibility for my actions," Bernier, 45, said in his resignation letter.

Couillard's lawyer notified the Foreign Affairs department about the documents on the weekend, and the material was returned.

But opposition MPs last night were demanding an investigation into the extent of security breaches committed by Bernier, calls that will continue in question period today.

"What are the details of this security breach?" Liberal House Leader Ralph Goodale said. "What was involved? Was Canada put at risk? I think we need to know the details of exactly what transpired here."

Harper, whose government was sent reeling over "NAFTA-gate" earlier this year — the

leaks of sensitive diplomatic information that upset the U.S. presidential election — last night made clear his unhappiness at this latest security breach.

"This is about one thing and that is a failure to uphold expected standards on government documents," Harper said in the Commons' foyer, shortly before leaving Ottawa on a European trip.

"It is a very serious mistake — regardless of who the minister is, regardless of personal life," Harper told reporters.

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Foreign Affairs Minister Maxime Bernier is seen in the House of Commons joint session of Parliament on Parliament Hill yesterday. Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced he has accepted the resignation of Bernier after the minister made a "serious mistake" by leaving classified documents in a non-secure location.

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A "Net Neutrality" rally scheduled for Parliament Hill today is expected to draw hundreds of people to protest the actions of some Internet service providers that have recently been restricting the access speeds of customers using high-traffic applications, such as file sharing.

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City ratchets up record repairs

Mayor outlines infrastructure spending for '08

By **TRACEY TONG** Metro Ottawa

Summer is construction season — and the city is promising a particularly hot one in 2008.

Mayor Larry O'Brien announced yesterday that Ot-

tawa would spend a record \$360 million on dozens of repair and renewal projects in 2008, as the city tackles the problem of aging infrastructure across much of the municipality.

The city has also approved a two per cent levy over three years dedicated to infrastructure renewal, said O'Brien, who outlined the city's '08 infrastructure plans yesterday against the

on the list

The Airport Parkway overpass and sections of Bank Street, Bronson Avenue, Carling Avenue, Heron Road, King Edward Avenue, Preston and Wellington streets are some of the areas that will benefit from infrastructure renewal in 2008.

backdrop of a construction site on Wellington Street.

The levy will generate \$120 million by 2010 and \$20 million raised this year will see an investment of \$13.5 million in road and bridge rehabilitation.

Citizen to the rescue Lucky ducks

In total \$53 million will go toward road and bridge rehabilitation and more than \$140 million will go toward water and sewer rehabilitation this year. And in 2009, O'Brien would like to "take the number and move it up slightly. We'll see what our financial capabilities are.

"Like all major Canadian cities, Ottawa needs to renew ... aging roads, bridges, water mains and buildings. We've all seen the results of not investing

from the spills,"

O'Brien said.

results of not investing in the sewage system

The mayor unveiled new, improved construction signage bearing the municipal logo and the city is offering an enhanced feature on its website for residents to access information on construction projects, including details on road closures.

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Fiery crash leaves 1 dead, 2 injured

Driver of minivan trapped in vehicle

A driver is dead and two other people seriously injured after a fiery crash between a bucket truck and a minivan that closed Russell Road vesterday.

Both vehicles were on fire when paramedics arrived at the scene of the collision at 6921 Russell Rd., between Carlsbad and Milton roads, at 2:55 p.m. yesterday. The driver of the minivan was trapped in the burning vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene.

Ottawa paramedics spokesman J.P. Trottier said it is be-

probe

» Police closed Russell Road yesterday to allow fire crews to fight the blaze sparked by the collision. Collision specialists will be investigating.

lieved that the driver was the lone occupant of the vehicle.

The driver in the utility truck, a man in his mid-20s, had to be airlifted to hospital with serious head injuries. His passenger, also a man in his mid-20s, was treated for serious neck and back injuries. He is in serious but stable condition in hospital.

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Arnaldo Lavres helps some ducklings onto a sidewalk along the Mackenzie King Bridge yesterday morning. Mother duck and her ducklings were holding up an OC Transpo bus (inset) as they tried to make their way across the road before Lavres stepped in to lend a hand. The family of fowl eventually made their way to the Rideau Canal.

»news In Brief

COLLISIONS Traffic collisions in Ottawa left taxpayers to foot a \$590-million bill last year. According to a report to the Ottawa Police Services Board, the broad range of social costs associated with reportable traffic collisions in Ottawa was estimated at \$590.8 million in 2007, up \$161 million from 2006. The study considered the costs of policing, health care, ambulance property damage and other factors, including the human consequences, of crashes that happened in Ottawa. Ottawa Police estimated the social costs of fatal collisions at \$359.2 million in 2007, while property damage collisions cost \$109 million and non-fatal injuries cost \$122.5 million. Thirty-nine people were killed in traffic collisions on Ottawa roads last year.

» SURRENDER A robbery suspect turned himself in to Gatineau police early yesterda less than 12 hours after the armed holdup of a corner store on Sunday. "The suspect came into the police station at 5:25 a.m. and said, 'That was me,'" said Gatineau Police Const. Isabelle Poirier. At 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, a 35-year-old man entered a store 74 de Montigny and, brandishing a knife, demanded cash. He fled with cash. There were no injuries.

» FRAUD Gatineau police have arrested a 41-year-old Montreal man after city businesses and police collaborated to track down a telephone fraudster. Earlier this month, police learned that a man was calling local businesses and offering magnetic note pads printed with the businesse name. When people agreed to purchase them, the suspect went to the business to collect the money, falsely telling the victims that the note pads would be distributed by mail to residents, Const. Isabelle Poirier said vesterday.

Flocking to the Ottawa Fringe Festival

Edgy city event gaining converts

By **TRACEY TONG** Metro Ottawa

Gabrielle and Benjamin are newlyweds.

On their wedding night, they examine where their relationship is going and how marriage will change them while the maid of honour has "vigorous sex" next door.

The Wedding Night isn't the kind of play you'd expect to see in a festival. But then, the Ottawa Fringe Festival is no regular festival.

check it out

» The festival runs June 19-29 at 10 venues, including Mercury Lounge, Arts Court, Saw Gallery, the University of Ottawa, and the Fringe Courtyard.

Back for a 12th year for 10 days in June, the festival features performances that range from traditional to edgy. This year's festival features 51 acts from eight countries, including South Africa, New Zealand, Chile, Spain and Japan, executive director Kevin Waghorn said at the media launch yesterday.

In his third year in the role, Waghorn has watched the festival grow. "People are taking the Fringe more seriously. They see the Fringe as an opportunity to develop as artists."

"There's definitely a buzz going on this year," said fourth-year participant Sophie Tilgner, who is presenting her play, Making Deals With Gods, at the festival. "It's gotten so much better."

There were 104 applications this year, said Waghorn. In the last two years, the number of applications has doubled.

"Because we choose the shows by lottery, anything can be a part of the festival," said Waghorn. "It gives artists a chance to take chances and get edgy, but there's also traditional-type theatre. It's not necessarily alternative."

"I think what makes it special is the mix of shows," said Ottawa actress Maysa Haddad, whose role in Brendan McNally's sketch comedy, Hey, Bartender!— about what goes on in a bar after all the patrons leave—marks her fifth time in the festival.

"You get a variety of independent work that you might not get to see somewhere else."



canada

Strong winds yesterday forced French parachutist Michel Fournier to delay plans to leap from a balloon 40 km above North Battleford, Sask. Fournier, 64, hopes to set four records — freefall altitude and speed, longest time in freefall and highest manned balloon flight — when he jumps today. REUTERS

In Brief

- **RESOURCES** Officials from five Arctic coastal countries will meet in Greenland this week to discuss how to carve up the Arctic Ocean, which could hold up to one-quarter of the world's undiscovered oil and gas reserves. Canada. Denmark, Norway, Russia and the United States are squabbling over much of the Arctic seabed and Denmark has called them together for talks in its self-governing province to avert a free-for-all for the region's resources.
- **GUNS** Toronto Mayor David Miller wants to close recreational shooting ranges in that city, along with giving the city power to block gun manufacturers and wholesalers from opening new plants or warehouses, he said yesterday.
- **HEALTH** The body overseeing Ontario's doctors is taking legal action against six physicians, three more than eviously reported, in an attempt to inspect their private health clinics and cosmetic surgical practices. Court documents show the college has questions about the doctors' procedures.

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30 km/h limit?

Kids would be safer if speed was lowered: Review

A sharp drop in city speed limits would drastically increase children's chances for survival if struck by a car, a national injury-prevention program warned yesterday.

A new review of child pedestrian research by Safe Kids Canada finds collisions are killing 30 Canadian children each year, seriously injuring 2.412 more, and that for kids, chances for survival if hit by a car would improve dramatically if drivers would limit themselves to 30 kilometres per hour on most city streets.

"When you look at the difference between a car (or) a truck and a child, there's no match. They just aren't going to win that battle,"

wide support

Would hurried city drivers accept a lower speed limit if they knew it would save kids? A majority — 74 per cent - said they'd support changing the speed limit to 30 km/h in residential areas if it would help. But, as Pamela Fuselli, executive director of Safe Kids Canada, admits, "It's always harder to actually do something, for sure."

Pamela Fuselli, executive director of Safe Kids Canada, said yesterday.

According to the review, a child struck by a car travelling at 30 km/h stands a 95 per cent chance of surviving the impact. That's compared to an 80 per cent chance of a child being killed if hit by a vehicle travelling at 50 km/h — the usual residential speed limit.

Corrine Langill, the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario's manager of health promotion and injury prevention, says while car

strikes are not the most common reason that Ottawa children are admitted to the emergency department, "it is definitely an issue" locally.

"One of five visits to emergency is due to an injury and (collisions) is a part of it," Langill said.

Fourteen per cent of drivers surveyed in a new Harris/Decima poll admitted to speeding by 10 km/h or more in residential neighbourhoods

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Ukraine's President Viktor Yushchenko, left, and wife Kateryna arrive with RCMP escort in Ottawa yesterday.

Ukraine says thanks

Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko thanked Canada for its help and hospitality over the past century and urged closer ties between the two countries as the former Soviet republic struggles to assert its sovereignty.

In an address to Parliament that kicked off his three-day state visit, the leader of the 2004 Orange Revolution said he was

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when he touched down in Canada, home to 1.2 million Ukrainian-Canadians, many of whom fled their country to escape tyranny.

"For me, as for millions of Ukrainians, this country and this land is sacred," he told MPs, Senators and diplomats gathered in the House of Commons for the address.

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Calgary Goose vibrations



Andrea Loewen tries to restrain her 20-month old son, Karl, who wanted nothing more than to feel the soft down of a baby goose yesterday on Memorial Drive in Calgary.

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Green power seeing red

Provincial plan may jeopardize industry: Officials

It could be lights out for renewable electricity in Ontario if the province goes ahead with new rules, industry officials say

The changes jeopardize several wind and solar projects, and are giving investors second thoughts about the province, critics said yesterday.

They're not only throwing the baby out with the bathwater; they're throwing out

the entire bathtub." said Sean Whittaker, of the Ottawa-based Canadian Wind Energy Association.

"It feels like a Elizabeth McDonald freeze. Everything has stopped," said Elizabeth McDonald, head of the

freeze. Everything has stopped.» Canadian Solar Industries Association's

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would be hardest hit.

At issue is a program aimed

at promoting alternatives to coal and nuclear power.

The "standard offer" pays a guaranteed premium for renewable electricity

that's at least double what conventional sources receive: Solar generations get 42 cents

cents.

In a mid-May conference call, the Ontario Power Authority told the industry that it was limiting the size of projects that qualify.

Firms will be allowed to channel no more than 10 megawatts through any transformer station, and to have no more than 50 megawatts of capacity under development in the province at any time.

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Stolen art could be melted down

It is not known if thieves who raided a Canadian museum plan to sell the precious art they stole or simply want to melt the jewelry down for its gold, police said yesterday.

The thieves who forced their way into the Museum of Anthropology in Vancouver over the weekend made off with 12 pieces of jewelry crafted by famed Canadian Haida artist Bill Reid, nearly all of which were made from

The thieves also stole three

inspired art

» Bill Reid's jewelry designs were inspired by the legends and stories of the Haida people of B.C.'s Queen Charlotte Islands. Museum officials have not put a monetary figure on their value.

gold Mexican necklaces, prompting fears from museum officials and Reid's widow that the art was destined to be melted down for its precious metal rather

than sold to collectors.

The RCMP said it was too early to say what the exact motivation of the heist was.

"It could be only for the gold. It could be (for the art) to be sold abroad. It could be to sell in local pawns shops," said RCMP Constable Annie Linteau. "We have to consider all of the possibilities."

Reid, who died in 1998, is best known for his carvings, one of which, Spirit of Haida Gwaii, is pictured on Canada's

energy

Irving Oil to study Fundy tidal power

TIDAL Irving Oil Ltd will study the potential for a tidal power development in the Bay of Fundy, site of the world's highest tides, the company said yesterday.

Irving has teamed up with the nonprofit Huntsman Marine Science Centre to conduct two years of research on 11 prospective generating sites near the north shore of the bay, which lies between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

science

Part of Mars probe made in Alberta

PHOENIX A wind sensor named Telltale, invented at the University of Alberta, accompanied the Phoenix Mars Lander in NASA's first-ever Scout Mission. The lander safely reached the northern arctic plains of Mars Sunday.

Evidence suggests that there was once water flowing on Mars, an indication to researchers that it might be able to sustain life.

Edmonton

Mans gets four months for threats

SENTENCING A construction worker who verbally menaced Premier Ed Stelmach, along with threatening to head to his farm to kill his cattle, apologized in a long statement posted on Facebook after being sentenced to a four-month jail term, to be served on weekends.

"I understand from watching the news that he and his family were 'shaken' by the statement ... and for that I am truly sorry," said Ronald Labelle in the written 1,433word statement.

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world



Home sales parties began with Tupperware, cleaning products and lingerie, although the latest shocking trend blazing a trail in the U.S. is Tasers. Originally only available in a law enforcement model, the socalled "Lady Taser" is made in nine different colours and patterns. REUTERS

China praises quake relief

Rapid response shows commitment play in reconstruction. to people: Party

China's ruling Communist Party said yesterday its rapid response to the Sichuan earthquake demonstrated its commitment to the people, but acknowledged that voluntary groups might have a role to

Individual citizens raced to help party members, government officials and troops after the 7.9 magnitude earthquake struck Sichuan on May 12, killing up to 80,000 people and leaving 5 million homeless.

From taxi drivers ferrying the injured to hospitals to car Years to rebuild

The massive relief effort, taking food, tents and clothing to millions in towns and remote villages despite blocked and damaged roads and bridges, and the task of rebuilding homes and infrastructure, is expected to take up to three years.

clubs delivering supplies, the quake volunteers have such cachet that party members dispatched to the disaster zone also call themselves "volun-

Premier Wen Jiabao also won respect among the 1.3 billion Chinese watching the tragedy unfold on TV by rushing to the scene within hours to encourage rescue workers and give hope to those trapped in the rubble.

The Communist Party's deployment of 17,500 officials and 2.2 million members who "faced danger and difficulty without retreating" to help survivors who "shed blood and tears without bowing their heads" showed the value of its "people first" philosophy, said Ouyang Song, vice minister of the party's organization department.

Ouyang said non-governmental organizations could contribute to the reconstruction work as long as they did it legally and contributed to a stable society.

Virginia Memorial Day



Amanda Doster, whose husband U.S. Army Sergeant First Class James Doster was killed in combat in Iraq in September 2007, holds their daughter Grace during Memorial Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va., yesterday.

Israel has nuclear arms: Carter

Ex-U.S. president says nation has at least 150 weapons

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter has said Israel holds at least 150 nuclear weapons, the first time a U.S. president has publicly acknowledged the Jewish state's atomic ar-

Asked at a news conference at Wales' Hay literary festival on Sunday how a future U.S. comments criticized

» A former Israeli military intelligence chief criticized Carter's comments and said they would do more harm than good. »Carter visited the Middle East in mid-April

president should deal with the Iranian nuclear threat. Carter put the risk in context by listing atomic weapons held glob-

"The U.S. has more than 12,000 nuclear weapons, the Soviet Union (Russia) has

about the same, Great Britain and France have several hundred, and Israel has 150 or more. We have a phalanx of enormous weaponry ... not only of enormous weaponry but of rockets to deliver those missiles on a pinpoint accuracy target," he said, according to a transcript of his remarks.

While the existence of Israeli nuclear weapons is widely assumed, Israeli officials have never admitted their existence and U.S. officials have stuck to that line in public for years.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner said Washington should talk directly to Tehran to persuade it to drop its nuclear ambitions.

Filmmaker Pollack dies of cancer at 73

nev Pollack, who won Acad-

emy Awards for directing and producing the epic romance Out of Africa, died yesterday after a battle with cancer, his spokeswoman said

Pollack, who also Pollack earned praise for his occasional work in front of the camera, was 73.

Spokeswoman Leslee Dart told Reuters he died at his home in the coastal Los Angeles suburb of Pacific Palisades at about 5 p.m. local

Hollywood filmmaker Syd- time, surrounded by his fam-

was diagnosed with cancer about 10 months she said, ago, adding that doctors were never able to determine the primary source of the disease

Pollack's other notable films included Tootsie, The Way We Were and They Shoot Horses, Don't They? He is survived by his wife and two daughters. Services will be private, Dart REUTERS

Mugabe would accept loss?

Zimbabwean Robert Mugabe will respect the will of voters if they end his 28-year rule in a run-off election against opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai, the state-run Herald newspaper reported yesterday.

Tsvangirai beat Mugabe in

the March 29 presidential poll but failed to win an absolute majority. His Movement for Democractic Change (MDC), which has accused the government of cheating in past elections, fears it will rig the results of the June 27 run-off. REUTERS

»news In Brief

- **ABUSE** Sexual abuse of children by aid workers and peacekeepers is rife and efforts to protect young people are inadequate, said a report published on Tuesday by the charity Save the Children UK.
- CLASHES Sudan is on the brink of a new civil war following
- more than a week of northsouth clashes in the disputed oil-rich town of Abyei, a senior southern official said yesterday.
- PEOPLE J.R. Simplot, the billionaire founder of the Boise, Idaho-based agriculture husiness that hears his name and who helped make French

fries a staple of the American diet, died on Sunday at the age of 99, officials said.

PANDA China has recaptured a giant panda named Xi Xi that a bid for freedom after a massive earthquake devastated the research base where it lived, the official Xinhua

agency said yesterday.

CRIME An American tourist was killed by a train in a Rome station as he walked on the tracks in a state of confusion after being robbed by a man who offered him a cappuccino laced with drugs, Italian police

China Olympic torch relay



Children and their teachers wave flags from a window of a kindergarten classroom to welcome the 2008 Beijing Olympic torch relay in Taizhou, Jiangsu province yesterday.

world

business

McCain 'sick at heart'

Iraq war handled poorly, presidential hopeful tells vets

Republican presidential candidate John McCain sought yesterday to distance himself from U.S. President George W. Bush's handling of the Iraq war, telling veterans on Memorial Day he was "sick at heart" at mistakes made in

A swipe at Bush?

'We have new commanders in Iraq," McCain said to applause. He continued with a veiled swipe at Bush: "They are following a counterinsurgency strategy that we should have been following from the beginning.

the conflict now in its sixth

"As we all know, the American people have grown sick and tired of the war in Iraq," McCain told hundreds of veterans and their families gathered for a ceremony honouring U.S. service members killed in conflicts.

"I understand that, of course. I, too, have been made sick at heart by the many mistakes made by

civilian and military commanders and the terrible price we have paid for them," he added.

The war is unpopular with voters, and in anticipation of facing Democratic front-runner Barack Obama in the general election in November, McCain has increasingly sought to disassociate himself from the administration's Iraq policies. REUTERS

Japan Six-week low



A woman stands in front of an electronic board showing Nikkei stock average yesterday in Tokyo. Japan's Nikkei stock average slid 2.3 per cent yesterday, the biggest fall in six weeks, led lower by exporters such as Canon Inc. on a firmer yen and losses on Wall Street.

Mexican Navy on lookout for sharks

deaths

» Two attacks in

April and May

killed a Mexican

and an American

— the first shark

deaths off Mexico's Pacific coast in 30

years, according to official records.

The Mexican Navy searched tapa-Zihuatanejo. for sharks in the ocean near

Pacific surfing beaches yesterday, after two bathers were killed and another maimed in a rare spate of shark attacks.

Three boats and a helicopter patrolled the sea

while Navy and rescue officials scanned the horizon with binoculars from popular beaches around the southwestern Mexican resort of Ixwarned surfers not to go far

out. "We've been monitoring the beaches: we've reconnaisdone sance flights," Rear Adm. Arturo Bernal said, adding that no big shark had been detected yet in the area. Surfer Bruce

Grimes was bitten on the arm on Saturday off nearby Playa Linda beach, making him the third target of a shark attack in the area in a month, REUTERS



Train blast kills at least 8

In Brief **AFGHANISTAN** Italy said

- yesterday it planned to improve the ability of its 2,400-strong contingent in Afghanistan to react rapidly to outbreaks of fighting, including redistributing some of its troops there.Defence Minister Ignazio La Russa told reporters at an EU meeting that Italy would also reduce the size of its contingent by
- DETAINED Nearly 100 former Chilean soldiers and secret police from Augusto Pinochet's dictatorship were ordered detained yesterday in the biggest single mass arrest for abuses during the period, judicial sources said.
- **POLITICS** Lebanese President Michel Suleiman will appoint a prime minister tomorrov to head a new cabinet to be formed as part of an agreement ending 18 months of political conflict.
- **RUSSIA** The UN said yesterday that a Russian air force plane shot down an unmanned Georgian spy drone over Abkhazia last month, strengthening Tbilisi's claims that Moscow is aiding the rebel territory. REUTERS

Tamil Tiger rebels blamed for attack in Colombo

At least eight people were killed and 73 civilians injured when a bomb exploded on a train during rush hour in the Sri Lankan capital yesterday, military officials said.

The military blamed Tamil Tiger rebels for planting the bomb, which detonated in the Colombo suburb of Dehi-

"Eight civilians including a pregnant woman were killed and 73 injured from the explosion," said military spokesman Brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara.

The explosion came as the military and the Tamil tiger rebels are locked in a new chapter of a 25-year civil war that has killed more than 70,000 people.

A Reuters witness saw



A wounded man is taken to the hospital after the bomb explosion in the Colombo suburb of Dehiwala vesterday.

four dead bodies at the scene. The military defused two

powerful bombs on two buses over the weekend and has stepped up security in public areas.

The explosion came after a Tamil Tiger rebel suicide bomber crashed his motorbike into a police bus in the capital on May 16, killing 12

The explosion came amid daily land sea and air attacks as the Sri Lankan military wages an offensive to retake the Tigers' northern strong-

Canada turns into nation of cashiers

Country now has more in stores than factories

Canada's red-hot retail industry employed more people than the beleaguered manufacturing sector for the first time last year, according to Statistics Canada.

Canada's retailers employed nearly 1.79 million people last year to become the country's largest employer, knocking manufacturing out of first place by a

lower payroll

» The average retail job paid \$14.87 per hour last year, roughly a third less than the average \$21.66 an hour man-ufacturing job, according to Statistics Canada's latest monthly payroll data.

slim 5,000-job margin.

Canadian retailers are enjoying strong profit margins due to a stronger dollar, cheap Asian imports and an "effervescent job market," analysts at National Bank Financial TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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American Ashley Harkleroad, left, currently ranked 61st in the world, will appear nude in the August issue of Playboy magazine. Harkleroad is the first pro tennis player to do a pictorial in Playboy. METRO NEWS SERVICES

golf

Furyk looking for Canadian 3-peat

ENTRIES Two-time defending champion Jim Furyk tops an early list of PGA Tour notables that confirmed their intention yesterday to compete for the 2008 RBC Canadian Open in July at Glen Abbey in Oakville, Ont.

Furyk, looking to become the first person to win three straight Canadian titles, will be joined by Sean O'Hair, Retief Goosen, Fred Couples, Mark Calcavecchia, Chris Di-Marco and Canadians Mike Weir and Stephen Ames.

tennis

Venus, Federer move on in Paris

VICTORIES Venus Williams dropped a set but recov-



ered to reach the second round of the French Open with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 victory

Tzipora Obziler yesterday. On the men's side, world No. 1 Roger Federer overcame early trouble to ease to a 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 win over American Sam Querrey.

soccer

Iraa aims to hold off one-year ban

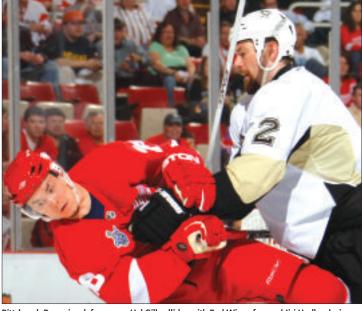
POLITICS The Iraqi government notified the Iraqi Football Association yesterday that it is not affected by a government decision to disband all national sports bodies, hoping to reverse the country's suspension from the World Cup.

FIFA said earlier it would suspend Iraq for a year unless it received confirmation from the Iraqi government by Thursday that its decree had been annulled.

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Pittsburgh Penguins defenceman Hal Gill collides with Red Wings forward Jiri Hudler during Game 2 of the Stanley Cup final last night in Detroit. The Red Wings beat the Penguins 3-0 to take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series. Game 3 is tomorrow in Pittsburgh.

Penguins can't solve Osgood, Red Wings

Detroit posts 2nd straight shutout in Stanley Cup final

WINGS 3 PENGUINS 0

Chris Osgood made 22 saves for his second consecutive shutout as the Red Wings defeated the Pittsburgh Penguins 3-0 in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup final in Detroit.

Osgood has been solid thus far in the final, stopping all 41 shots he has faced through the first two games to give Detroit a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven

Valtteri Filppula and Brad Stuart each had a goal and an assist while Tomas Holmstrom also lit the lamp for the Red Wings, who are looking for their fourth Stanley Cup in the past 11 years.

Marc-Andre Fleury was charged with all three goals on 34 shots for the Pens, who are in the final for the first time since winning the Cup in 1992.

The series moves back to Pittsburgh, where the Pens are 8-0 this playoff season, for Games 3 and 4 with Game 3 set for tomorrow at Mellon Arena.

The Red Wings grabbed a 1-0 lead just 6:55 into the game. Filppula rushed the puck into the Pittsburgh end and dished it over to the right side for Stuart. Filppula then charged the net and Stuart's blast from the top of the right circle got through Filppula's screen and past Fleury.

Detroit took a 2-0 advantage at the 11:18 mark when Henrik Zetterberg got a backhander on net that Fleury slowed down, but Holmstrom knocked the puck in just as it was about to cross the goalline.

The Wings grabbed a threegoal lead at the 8:48 mark of the third on a beautiful goal from Filppula, who skated down the wing, cut past Sergei Gonchar and as he was falling to the ice slid the puck past METRO NEWS SERVICES

Leafs' GM hunt getting serious

nd so it is coming down to a pair of ex-NHL general managers, Doug Armstrong or Neil Smith, for the Toronto Maple Leafs

After receiving formal rejections to their requests for permission to speak to a bevy of active front-office types about their GM position, the Leafs will launch their interview process within the next week with Armstrong and Smith, In fact, they may be the only two who get interviewed.

And sources who irrefutably are in position to know have told Metro that one of the two very likely will be hired before the end of June.

The sources also said Armstrong is the top candidate at this point because the Dallas Stars - whom he essentially built - were impressive in advancing to the recent Western final against the Detroit Red Wings.

Armstrong, son of former NHL linesman and scout Neil Armstrong, was the Stars' GM from 2002 until November 2007. A native of Sarnia, Ont., Armstrong served in different roles with Dallas over 17 years.

Smith, a Toronto native, was the New York Rangers' GM from 1989 to 2000.

» Dave Nonis, fired as the Vancouver Canucks' GM after the regular season and interviewed by the Leafs recently for a front-office job in which he would have been obligated to report to the new Toronto GM, will be hired this week as the new GM of either the St. Louis Blues or the Atlanta Thrashers ... Among the candidates whom the Leafs were forbidden by other organizations from pursuing were Detroit GM



Ken Holland, Detroit assistant GM Jim Nill, Detroit vice-president Steve Yzerman, San Jose Sharks GM Doug Wilson and Anaheim Ducks GM Brian Burke. The Leafs are determined to play by the rules and therefore have given up efforts to pry any of the aforementioned five ... Also, two previous top candidates executives Glen Sather and Bob Clarke of the New York Rangers and Philadelphia Flyers, respectively - have been deemed too old by the Leafs and are no longer being considered by the Leafs' brain trust.

» In baseball, the Blue Jays' John Gibbons is no longer the best bet to become the first MLB manager fired this season.

The Seattle Mariners' John McLaren and the New York Mets' Willie Randolph are neck-and-neck these days for that dubious distinction

» And a former majorleague journeyman, pitcher John Parrish, is raising scouts' eyebrows with the Jays' Triple A affiliate in Syracuse

The 30-year-old left-hander has gone 6-0 and has been dominating batters after being transformed from a reliever to a starter.

In three-plus decades as a columnist and broadcaster, Marty York has built a network of solid contacts and a renowned reputation for his hard-hitting, groundbreaking style. The tradition continues in Metro Sports.

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Game 4 — Tonight

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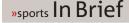
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» CFL The Toronto Argonauts signed two-time Super Bowl winning receiver Bethel Johnson yesterday. Johnson won the NFL championship with the New England Patriots in 2004 and 2005

» CFL The Calgary Stampeders traded punter Duncan
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Don't blow budget as a new baby mama

Many new moms tempted to spend

Dear Smart Cookies, my husband and I are expecting our first baby! We're ecstatic but already worried about costs. My new mom friends purchase so much for their babies and I'm worried that we will spend money we don't have, trying to keep up. Plus, I don't even have a realistic idea of how much we should spend in the first

-CARRIE R., TORONTO

Hi Carrie, it only takes one look at a new mom cruising down the side walk with her Bugaboo stroller and Coach diaper bag to suddenly feel like you need the same. As if new moms don't have enough to worry about, now they are faced with pressure to be trendy. Well, hold up yummy mommy! Smart Cookies consulted our favourite hot new moms and are happy to share some tips on keeping your baby spending in check.

Total cost for baby's "stuff" in year one should not exceed \$6,500.00 (not including food), in fact it can often be done for less.

For safety reasons, we don't recommend buying used but you don't have to spend a fortune. Ikea and Toys R Us both sell beautiful and safe cribs for \$250 or

And forget fancy bedding sets that can run up to \$300. Instead, buy solidcolor bedding (\$50), then decorate the nursery with themed accessories. You'll save 60 per cent or more.

Your best bet is to invest in a new, safe stroller. You can find a stroller for around \$70. Consumer Reports suggests Safety 1st Acella Alumilite and the



As if new moms don't have enough to worry about, now they are faced with pressure to be trendy.



Evenflo Journey.

Babies don't really need any toys before they are 3-4 months old. Ask the new moms you know if they are interested in doing toy swaps every few months

CLOTHES

Buy your children's clothes for next year at the end of each season. If you know that your child will be wearing size two next summer, at the end of this summer stock up at Baby Gap when everything is on sale. You can usually get items for up to 50 per cent off. DIAPERS

Often parents complain that less expensive, no name diapers are more likely to cause diaper rash. Since babies are more prone to diaper rash the longer their diaper is on, splurge on the diapers that will be

on your baby the longest the ones at night.

Lastly, put a single friend on speed dial. When all your friends with babies try to convince you that you really do need the \$800 Bugaboo Stroller, your single girlfriends will tell you like it really is!

If you have questions for the Smart Cookies or want to share confessions, e-mail smartcookies @metronews.ca.

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Hate your boss? Not enough money? Too many hours? Sometimes, many of these can be resolved with a new job.

Think hard about your own business

I have worked in marketing for the past eight years and would like to start a business of my own. I have discussed this with my wife and she supports any venture I decide. Attached are several businesses' financial statements that would be of interest. Can you offer any advice as to which maybe best suited? -FRANK VALIGHAN

Choosing a small business based on its numbers is only one criterion before making a large financial commitment. What criteria would you use for choosing a life-long partner? Hopefully, not just looks! I admire successful entrepreneurs because they have taken qualities that we all possess to a degree, and tweak them for positive results. Here are some considerations for any entrepreneur:

What are your reasons for wanting to start a business?

Hate your boss? Not enough money? Too many hours? Sometimes, many of these can be resolved with a new job. Working for yourself does not translate to more money or less hours.

What product or service are you bringing to the marketplace?

Do you have the expertise



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or background to offer service? Do vour research! List your qualities that would make this business a success.

Are you buying an existing business or starting your own? Existing business generally cost more.

Do you have the funds or can obtain necessary financing? Many hopes of starting a business are eliminated at this stage. Everyone should have hopes and dreams but not be delusional.

Consult a professional accountant and lawyer. Understand legal implications associated with owing business. What are your tax obligations such as GST, PST, ETD, WSIB, etc.?

Check our your local bookstore or library. Many good books have been written on this subject and continue your planning.

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A Greenpeace report has called video game consoles a "toxic menace," saying they contain chemicals that could affect memory and sexual development.

Beauty labels decoded



From the editors of alive magazine; alive.metro@ alive.com

rganic beauty products are so popular that, with high-profile designers like Stella McCartney leading the way, mass manufacturers are scrambling to jump on the organic beauty bandwagon. But don't be seduced by slick marketing campaigns and carefully phrased packaging using the words natural or pure to appear ecofriendly.

The use of the word natural is completely unregulated. Any manufacturer

can toss a few plant-based ingredients into a product and call it natural, even if the product also contains toxic chemicals. Instead, look for beauty products that are labelled certified 100 per cent organic. They contain organic vegetable oils and herbal extracts that are not only richer in vitamins and nutrients but safer because they are not exposed to cancercausing pesticides.

Also check the extraction method used to derive the natural ingredients, as various extraction methods affect the efficacy of the ingredient. Oil or wax extraction from a plant using either chemical solvents or extremely high heat destroys the plant's botanical properties. Look for the words cold-pressed



Above: Green Apple Antioxidant Moisturizer, \$43 (2 oz.); available at Sephora.

on labels – if they're not there, keep shopping.

Choose products that use essential oils as a natural preservative. Synthetic preservatives will give products a longer shelf

life, but may contain carcinogenic ingredients. Essential oils have been extracted from the leaves and buds of flowers in a steam-distillation process and are truly natural.

Your skin absorbs over 50 per cent of the cremes and lotions you put on it. When shopping for beauty products, just think of this: if you wouldn't eat it, Lush and The Body Shop products are well known for their natural ingredients. Clockwise from top left: Chocolate Whipstick lip balm from Lush, \$8.95; Glow Enhancer Pink, \$15.50, The Body Shop; Shimmer Buds eye colour, \$18.50, The Body Shop; and new Cinnamon solid shampoo bar, \$9.95 (55g).

why would you smear it on your skin?

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Perhaps this will be a new one for some of you. Do you know that smoking can also be very bad for your dental health?

We are not referring to the oral cancer that can result from cigarette smoke, though that is also of great concern. We are speaking about the impact **smoking** can have on the development of periodontal

Current studies have drawn a clear link between tobacco use and periodontal disease. The problem can be particularly acute for people who have recently undergone periodontal surgery. Smoking has been shown to result in poor healing of the gum tissue in patients who just received such surgery.

Unfortunately the link between smoking and periodontal health

is not confined just to those recovering from surgery. has been linked to a greater build-up of calculus on the teeth. And where there is calculus, there is usually bacteria...the type of bacteria associated with periodontal disease

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Dr. Martin LaBoissonniere Dental Surgeon

Consequently, cases of periodontal disease tend to be more serious in smokers than non-smokers. They will often have deeper pockets between the gums and the teeth, as well as a greater loss of bone and other fibres that hold the teeth in place.

Fortunately, periodontal disease is treatable. Depending upon the severity of your condition, you may find that visiting your dentist as often as every three months will be sufficient. This can be the best way to allow your dentist to regularly remove

the calculus from your teeth and reduce the size of any pockets you may have. More severe cases may require surgery.

> If surgery is recommended, you can certainly help in the healing process by not smoking for at least 10 days afterwards. And once you get to 10 days, why not go for 20 days...well, you get the picture!

Now we are not here to tell you that periodontal surgery holds the secret to your breaking the habit. However, if we can give you one more reason to quit, we are more than happy to do so.

Because remember a smokefree life is a healthy habit...and healthy habits lead to healthy

How to read beauty product labels

» 100 per cent organic: contains 100 per cent or-ganically produced ingredients (excluding water and

» Certified organic or ecocert: contains at least 95 per cent organic ingredients (excluding water and salt).

- » Made with organic ingredients: contains at least 70 per cent organic ingredi-
- » Hypoallergenic: products

are less likely to cause allergic reactions.

- » Alcohol-free: contains no ethyl alcohol (or grain alco-
- >> Fragrance-free: product has no perceptible odour.
- » Noncomedogenic: products do not contain common pore-clogging ingredients that could lead
- » Cruelty-free or no new animal testing: implies that products have not



Goth moderate-hold hair gel, \$14.95 (100 ml); available at

been tested on animals.

ALIVE MAGAZINE

Diet, exercise can delay diabetes: Study

Drinking less alcohol, eating more vegetables and exercising can prevent or delay the onset of diabetes, researchers said recently in a study showing that lifestyle changes can make a big dif-

Diet and exercise reduced the incidence of diabetes by about 43 per cent over 20 years among 577 high-risk Chinese adults, the researchers reported in the journal Lancet.

At the end of the 20 years, 80 per cent of those who changed what they ate and exercised more had diabetes, compared with 93 per cent who made no changes, said Guangwei Li of the China-Japan Friendship Hospital in Beijing and Ping Zhang at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The findings came as part of a series of studies address-

ing new research about diabetes, which affects 246 million adults worldwide, and accounts for six per cent of all global deaths.

Type 2 diabetes accounts for about 90 per cent of all diabetes cases and is closely linked to obesity and physical inactivity. Type 1 diabetes is an auto-immune disease often diagnosed at an early age

REUTERS

McDonald's Corp has switched to cooking oils free of trans fats in all of its restaurants in the United States and Canada, chief executive Jim



Skinner said recently.

Women take the lead

women are taking a page from the lives of Demi Moore, Madonna and Cameron Diaz (be it their past or present) and reeling in those sexy, younger men.

And the men seem to enjoy a woman with a little more ... experience.

Fastlife, which offers specialized speed-dating events, is one of the many dating services that has become wise to this dating trend. Their Toyboy & Sugar Mamma events, which started in Canada just over a year ago, have become one of their most popular says the company's CEO and founder Justin Parfitt. These events are also their most successful in terms of matches

"Generally, at an event

where there are 20 people. you get maybe 17 or 18 people getting a match. There

would be two or three people that didn't," he says. "But with these, we almost always get everyone getting a ting a match with several

people."



Parfitt says he notices a role reversal at these events, where the women take the lead, while the men follow suit.

"The women that attend are bolder. They are in control and able to express their preferences," says Parfitt. "While the men

take on a slightly more feminine role. They are conscious that they are the

younger

Changing, it seems, are the days of the suave macho male taking care of his girlfriend's

every desire.

men attracting beautiful, young women with the promises

of being taken care of.

More women are taking to the dating motto of Ivana Trump — Donald Trump's ex-wife and former matchmaker of the reality show Ivana Young Man - and saying "I'd

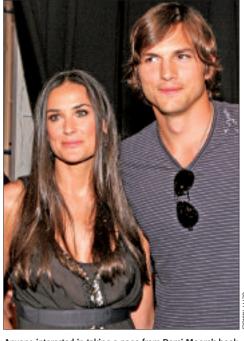
dating events

» Check out fastlife.ca for more speed-dating events.

rather be a babysitter than a nurse.'

But with such an acute change in the roles of men and women in dating, it's little wonder that most of us are so utterly confused by the opposite sex. When it comes to dating, what was once, whether we liked it or not, clearly defined by our gender, has now been turned on its head and we're left trying to catch up with the change.

Kasia Iglinski is a journalist who enjoys her work and her dating life. Armed with a notepad and a curious mind, she's always on the prowl for a good story and a good date.



Anyone interested in taking a page from Demi Moore's book should check out speed-dating service Fastlife, which hosts Toyboy & Sugar Mamma events.

The "hyperconnected" lifestyle

Arthritic thumbs sign of excessive technology use?

Sam Galet owns a Black-Berry, two laptops, two MP3 players and is an avid user of Facebook. He sometimes finds himself simultaneously monitoring work # e-mail, watching a movie on his iPod, and rocking his baby to sleep.

He's "hyperconnected" a newly emerging term that's used to describe a person who is constantly connected to the Internet. This blurring of the line between work and life is prevalent among men under the age of

"My 16-month-old walks around with my BlackBerry, typing into it," says Galet, a



Recent research showed that 50 per cent of people use their technological devices on

34-year-old sales exec for IMG, a global sports and entertainment company.

"When that happens, you know you're doing something wrong.

Another hint? He has arthritis in his thumbs, and must regularly massage them to reduce the pain he feels from constant typing.

But to Galet the pain is only a minor irritation when compared to the pay-

"Technology facilitates being in touch with more people," he says.

Sam Galet is not alone.

In an IDC marketing research survey, 60 per cent of hyperconnected people reported they use technology in the car, 50 per cent use their devices while on vacation, 45 per cent use them in bed and 20 per cent use them in a place of worship.

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- 3. H8 2 D8 U: Hate to date you, ie. "This feels wrong."
- 4. UR 2 good 4 me: "You are too good for me."
- 5. 2 much 2 soon: "This is too much, too soon."

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Adam Sandler, has announced that his wife, Jackie, is expecting their second child.

CBC unveils fall lineup

U.S. game shows among new TV programming

By RICK McGINNIS for Metro Ottawa

In the glare of the noon sun beaming down into the atrium at CBC's downtown Toronto headquarters, the national network announced its slate of fall shows, a menu of tried and true returning shows, while new programming was mostly relegated to one-off specials and miniseries.

The presentation began with Richard Stursberg, the Corp's executive vice-president of English services, taking the stage after a brief filmed comic introduction by Manooj Sood of Little Mosque On The Prairie. Stursberg said that the broadcaster is coming off "a great year — our best in a decade," and indulged in a little gloating over the network beating Global with a 7.8 primetime share, its best per-

formance in over a decade.

That this past television season was also one where whole seasons of U.S.-made programs were virtually scuttled thanks to the Hollywood writers' strike wasn't mentioned, and with its almost entirely homegrown roster of shows, the CBC was able to sail through the year without resorting to reruns or lackluster last-minute substitute programming. The test will be seeing if the network can maintain its lead in the year to come.

Among the shows returning are comedies Little Mosque and Sophie, as well as dramatic programming such as The Border, Heartland and British co-production The Tudors. The network's foray into ons' Den, the entrepreneurial competition — is returning for a third season, as is the The Hour, its topical variety chat show, and Steven And Chris, its flagship lifestyle show. The



Homegrown reality show Dragon's Den returns to CBC this fall.

Rick Mercer Report returns, as does This Hour Has 22 Minutes and Royal Canadian Air Farce, for its final season, which culminates in a New Year's Eve special.

The big news was the return of Ontario-born Alex Trebek to the network, with its acquisition of rights to the long-running game show Jeopardy!, which joins Wheel Of Fortune, its other imported game show. Specialty programming includes a miniseries on the early career of Celine Dion, Everest, an adventure miniseries starring Jason Priestley and William Shatner, and India Reborn, a four-hour documentary on the surging economy of the subcontinent, by the same team that produced the network's well-regarded China Rises for the network two years ago.

Leafing through the binder handed out at the presentation, it looks like there's more new programming in children's television - two new shows. Animal Mechanicals and Mighty Jungle — than in all of CBC's primetime schedule. The Mother Corp is truly playing it safe this year, in apparent anticipation of its commercial competitors failing to get their largely imported mojo back in working



Rambo

Stars: Sylvester Stallone Distributor: Maple Pictures DVD



LOOKING LESS bulked out than thickened, Sylvester Stallone pulls off the second part of a double play by reviving John Rambo for a fourth film, less than a year after adding a sixth installment to his Rocky Balboa franchise. both characters returning to the screen after a long hiatus

With Rocky Balboa, Stallone's hangdog protagonist returned for a bittersweet coda to the original films, but Rambo's return is a much grimmer affair, given resonance by a prescient choice of setting.

The film finds Stallone's Rambo living wordlessly in the jungles of Thailand, capturing snakes for tacky tourist shows, when a group of missionaries approach him to take them upriver into Burma where they're trying to help the



Karen people, a persecuted minority under the Burmese regime.

"Are you bringing weapons?" he asks pointedly, and we know that, if they won't, Rambo will.

When the missionaries are captured by a ruthless unit of the Burmese army, Rambo goes back upriver again with a group of mercenaries to perform a rescue mission, and for some reason these soldiers of fortune have no idea who's piloting their boat, though we all know they'll find out sooner or later.

By the time the credits roll, the body count has defied all efforts at tallying, and the pacifist missionary leader has gotten his own "first blood," so to speak, while a wounded Rambo surveys the carnage.

The ending suggests the possibility of a Rambo V, a likelihood I wouldn't bet against.

Besides a digital copy of the film playable on your iPod or media player, the bonus features include featurettes on the production, the weapons, and the political context of the film, which erupted into relevance with last year's protests by Buddhist monks against the Burmese regime, and again with the aftermath of the recent cyclone.

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Sean "Diddy" Combs, left, has put to rest speculation he is romancing Eddie Murphy's ex-wife Tracey Edmonds, insisting there is "nothing" between the two of them.

Politicians the new comedy stars

ONE TV. ONE VOTE: No. less than Time magazine printed a plea last week that the candidates in this year's U.S. presidential elections abjure the late night comedy shows that have seemingly been annexed to their increasingly broad campaign stump. They're talking about the frequent guest spots that everyone from democratic primary rivals Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama to Republican heir apparent John McCain to former candidates like John Edwards and Mike Huckabee have been making on shows like Saturday Night Live, Jon Stewart and, most notable with a single night that brought three Democratic hopefuls, former and active, together, The Colbert Report.



"But now that the most gag-filled primary season in history is lumbering to an end," writes Richard Zoglin, "I have a modest proposal: Cut it out! The comedy campaign has gone from novelty to inanity, damaging not just the great tradition of renegade political satire, but whatever shaky credibility is left in our political process."

Frankly, it reads like a pretty po-faced bit of opinioneering, especially from a guy who wrote a history of stand-up comedy in the '70s. Even for Time magazine, it has a prescriptive, finger-wagging tone that almost feels like a throwback to the mag's Henry Luce Booth era, when its editorial influence was certainly far more potent.

Here in Canada, despite the sleep-inducing tone of our political culture, we have a political class that's more than happy to make an appearance on comedy shows like The Mercer Report and This Hour Has 22 Minutes. Zoglin seems upset mostly because political satire has been mainstreamed, a far cry from the days when Mort Sahl or Lenny Bruce were the nation's preeminent political comics: "they hardly ex-



Barack Obama is one of a slew of politicians making television appearances on shows like Saturday Night Live, Jon Stewart and The Colbert Report.

pected, or wanted, the targets of their satire to show up onstage at the hungry i (a legendary nightclub) and join in the laughs."

That was a long time ago, of course, and Sahl and Bruce have long been absorbed into the vocabulary of contemporary comics, not to mention the politicians' handlers, who are perfectly eager to book them on these shows. Time even gets it wrong with the title of the piece: John Mc-Cain, You're Not Funny. Quite the contrary — in his recent guest shot on SNL's Weekend Update, blithely gloating about the divisiveness of the Democratic primary race ("Go ahead fight among yourselves") McCain showed comic timing that was a high point of the night's show.

HELLO (SIGH) CLEVE-LAND: Wired magazine's Underwired blog has a sneak preview of The Cleveland Show, a Fox spinoff of Seth MacFarlane's cartoon sitcom The Family Guy. "Judging from the intro," they write, speculating on the show's content based on a montage scored to what one presumes to be the theme song, "this show looks to be more of the standard MacFarlane fare: A plethora of pop culture references, crass jokes and loads of toon nudity."

You've got to be in trouble when your core constituency - and geeky dudes have always been MacFarlane's crowd - can't summon much anticipatory wood for your show.

> Rick McGinnis writes about music opera. He walked 47 miles of barbed and has a cobra snake for a necktie

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French cinema hits another high

AWARD Critics hailed the first French victory at the Cannes film festival for 21 years, after the acclaimed classroom drama Entre Les Murs (The Class) won the Palme d'Or for best picture late on Sunday.

The triumph marked another high point for French cinema, which has already celebrated a rare best actress Oscar for Marion Cotillard and a home-made box office hit Rienvenue Chez Les Ch'tis, seen by about 20 million people.

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In Brief

BOX OFFICE Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull chased down \$311.1 million from moviegoers around the brought along their children to watch Harrison Ford's latest escapades, distributor Paramount Pictures said yesterday. The tally included \$151.1 million from the United States and Canada the second-highest Memorial Day holiday weekend opening in history and \$160 million from in



critics'corner—

He's such a cad. That is, host Carson Arthur is a principal designer for CAD (Carson Arthur Designs); he's also a spokesman for Blue Planet, and in this series, he turns urban landscapes into green spaces. In the new episode "Community Garden." Arthur helps a group of people from all walks of life learn how to better manage their tiny communal garden. 10 PM on 49 H&G



MLB Baseball

"Go west, young man." The Toronto Blue Jays take that advice to heart this week when they embark on a nine-game road trip that takes them through two California cities. It begins tonight in Oakland, where they'll oppose Bobby Crosby and the surprising A's for three games, continues Friday in Los Angeles against the first-place Angels, and concludes next week with the Jays' second visit this season to New York. 10 PM on 27 net



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ocker Courtney Love's inner circle were so concerned with her alleged drug use they had her reconsider her pregnancy, PageSix.com reports an upcomina book as claimina.

In Bumping Into Geniuses, a memoir about the music business. Danny Goldberg, former CEO of Warner Bros. Records who also managed Nirvana, the band of Love's late husband Kurt Cobain, reveals how he and a group of Love's inner circle – worried about her alleged heroin use during pregnancy plotted an intervention.

During a meeting in Los Angeles with a doctor at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's chemical dependency program, the

doctor "tried to give clinical advice, suggesting to Courtney that it was not a great idea to have a baby while dealing with addiction," writes Goldberg.

That didn't sit well with Love, who was pregnant with Cobain's child.

You're not telling me to have a (bleep)-ing abortion, are you?' asked Courtney, her voice rising with her trademark hostile whine. 'I mean, I'm prochoice, but that doesn't mean that anyone has the right to tell me to have a (bleep)ing abortion.'

"(He) suggested that it might not be safe for the baby, and Courtney, who was only six weeks pregnant, went into a confrontational mode. 'Is that a medical

fact, or is that just your opinion? I want to see it in a medical book.' She was interested in medical facts, not a sermon. (He) sheepishly acknowledged that at this early stage of pregnancy a woman could discontinue heroin use with no physical or psychological damage to the fetus. Courtney looked triumphant as she towered over the doctor seated at his desk."

Love is said to have stopped using heroin, and Frances Bean was born in perfect health on Aug. 18, 1992.

Love had no comment on the book, which is scheduled to hit stores in September.

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Nicole reaps award

Nicole Richie has won a parenting award, female

The new mother received a Golden Pacifier Award from America's Babytalk magazine.

Richie, gave birth to daughter Harlow, her first child with musician Joel Madden, in January.

"Honouring Nicole Richie with a Babytalk Golden Pacifier Award might come as a surprise to some, but we felt that she deserved some recognition for her turnaround since becoming a mom," said Babytalk editor-in-

chief Lisa Moran. "She has grown up a lot since the arrival of little Harlow and her creation of the Richie-Madden Children's Foundation has demonstrated her efforts to set a good example by shining a spotlight on important issues affecting today's families."

Before having Harlow, Richie spent time in jail during her pregnancy after being convicted of driving under the influence.

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New guy for Britney Britney Spears reportedly has a new boyfriend, fe-

malefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer made her first formal public appearance in months at a birthday party in Los Angeles on Saturday, accompanied by Jason Trewick.

Trewick, who, according to sources, has known Spears "for years" – has been growing closer to her since her recent holiday in Costa Rica.

Spears' father, Jamie, has reportedly given his blessing to the new romance, calling Trewick "a stabilizing influence.

A source told Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper "Jamie thinks Jason would be a great match for Britney. She always had a thing for bad boys but now she realizes good guys can be attractive,

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Shop angers Tom

Actor Tom Cruise has slapped the owners of a top Los Angeles baby boutique with a cease and desist letter, accusing them of going public with purchases he and wife Katie Holmes have made, imdb.com reports.

Cruise's legal team has fired off documents to the bosses of Petit Tresor, warning them to stop talking to the media about private Cruise family matters

According to the documents, obtained by TMZ.com,

Cruise was particularly upset when store bosses allegedly leaked false information suggesting the actors have spent more than \$350,000 US on wardrobe items for their daughter Suri in the two years since her birth.

The lawyers insist no one at the store should "say anything (whether true or false) about Mr. Cruise and Ms. Holmes' shopping

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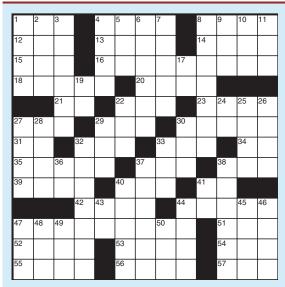


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The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

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ARIES | March 21-April 20

There's less resistance to the truth. A strange person isn't really that different. Your interest is sparked by an elder.



TAURUS | April 21-May 21

Limit restrictions on yourself when meeting someone. Fitness plans should go into action. There's an attraction to those who help you.



Closure is found in a relationship. A debate makes light of personal needs. Surprise someone into remembering their obligations.



CANCER | June 22-July 22

A fearful person may not be telling the truth. Find a clearance sale for bargains. Get grounded to answer a risky question.



LEO July 23-Aug. 23

Learn to let go for a friend. An authority figure will take a fall. Past wrongs can't be fixed because of a dreadful fear.



VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

If you wrestle with your self-doubt, you'll win. You're moving onto the fast track. There are benefits to making a confession.



LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

Behave with dignity when forced to deal with nonsense. Purchase essential assets privately. A meeting brings you some fine benefits.



SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22

Behave conservatively at a meeting. Someone will entangle you in pointless details. Good judgment is the winner near sunset.



SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21 A reprieve has a miraculous effect. You must thank those who give comfort. Beneficial ties can open closed doors.



CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

A worthy helper needs a secret to be told. Balance your needs with group interests. Cultivate friendship when given options.



AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Promises are kept by a brunette. Someone shows the other side of an argument. A creative venture needs direction.



PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Be mysterious with a speaker. Someone will get in touch sooner than expected. Wise words will soothe thoughts. AVATAR VENUS

This Day IN HISTORY

May 27, 1813: In the War of 1812, American forces capture Fort George.

May 27, 1907: A Bubonic San Francisco, Calif.

plague outbreak begins in May 27, 1937: In California, the Golden Gate Bridge opens to pedestrian traffic, creating a vital link between

San Francisco and Marin County.

May 27, 1999: The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague, Netherlands indicts Slobodan Miloševic for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Kosovo. Metro News S

Ottawa weather

Afternoon

Sunny.



Wednesday



Thursday

Friday

Sunny.

Temperature Normals High: 20.8° Low: 9.5°

Records High: 31.9°/1978 Low: 0.6°/1954 Sunrise: 5:20 a m

Sunset: 8:39 p.m. Moonrise: 1:26 a.m. Moonset: 12:09 p.m.









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